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EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
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NOTICE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(b), the Clerk of the Court hereby gives notice of and an opportunity for comment regarding the Court's proposal to adopt the following new local rule:

LR83.9(k) Plea Agreements and Plea Agreement Supplements

The following procedures govern the filing of plea agreements:

1. Plea agreements will not be sealed on the grounds that the defendant is cooperating with the Government.
2. Information pertaining to cooperation shall *not* be set forth in the Plea Agreement.
3. A separate document entitled "Plea Agreement Supplement" must be filed with every Plea Agreement.
4. Information pertaining to cooperation will be set forth in the Plea Agreement Supplement. Otherwise, a statement that the defendant is not cooperating will be set forth in the Plea Agreement Supplement.
5. The Plea Agreement and Plea Agreement Supplement must be filed either prior to the change of plea hearing or at the time of the change of plea hearing, depending upon the preference of the presiding judge.
6. The plea agreement supplement will be filed under seal without the necessity of a motion or Court order. The plea agreement supplement will be maintained under seal pending further order of the Court.

This Rule supersedes Standing Orders 13-05 and 13-08.

Comments should be directed in writing to Debra C. Poplin, Clerk of Court, by December 9, 2013, at the above address.